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In re application of	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Yisroel Lefkowitz	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL
Application No. 09/729,984	:	(ACCELERATED
Filed: December 5, 2000	:	EXAMINATION)
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SELLING		
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TICKETS IN		
COMBINATION WITH DUTY FREE GOODS		

This is in response to the petition filed on January 29, 2001, and supplemented on January 30, 2001, to make the above-identified application special on the basis of special examining procedure for certain new applications - accelerated examination as set forth in MPEP § 708.02 VIII. The lengthy delay in treating this petition is sincerely regretted.

The requirements for granting special status under this section are: (A) a petition to make special accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h); (B) all claims being directed to a single invention, or an election without traverse if the Office determines that all the claims are not directed to a single invention; (C) a statement that a pre-examination search was made listing the field of search; (D) one copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record; and (E) a detailed discussion of how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references in accordance with 37 CFR 1.111 (b) and (c).

The petition fails to adequately meet requirement (B), (C) and (D) above. In regard to item (B), it is not met because the petition fails to include an election without traverse, or a statement that applicant is willing to elect without traverse should a restriction or election be required. In regard to item (C), although a statement that a preexamination search was made, it is not clear what the field of search was. A proper listing of a field of search would include the classes and subclasses searched for a classification search, the search logic for a text search of U.S. and foreign patents, and the search logic and databases searched for a Non-patent Literature search. In regard to item (D), a copy of each of the references deemed most closely related does not seem to have been submitted. Also, there does not appear to be an IDS listing these references.

For the above stated reasons, the petition is **DISMISSED**.

Petitioner is given one more opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted.

Until the renewed petition is submitted, the application will be returned to the examiner's docket to await treatment on the merits in the normal order of examination.



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